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careth  
for you





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Divine help for our troubled lives**

**May 17, 2026**

Easter 7/Ascension

We are strangers on earth.

Christians are God's holy people, but Christians still go through troubles on earth. Plus, the devil, the enemy of all Christians, is always on the prowl looking for someone to devour. Christians are not alone. We have God's divine help in our troubles.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [www.holytrinity.church](http://www.holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — MORNING PRAYER

Hymn 778 *Father, We Praise You*



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

*Please stand.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



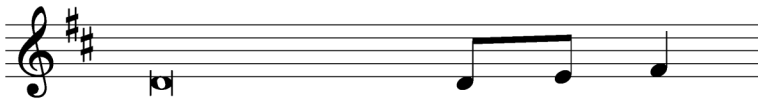
**and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**



Has - ten to save me, O God;



**O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.**

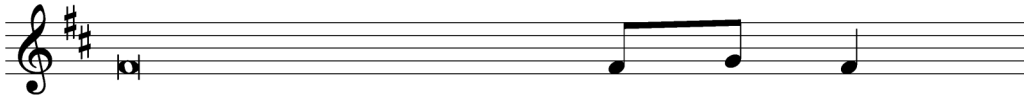


General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

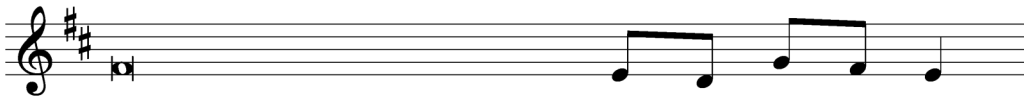


praise and thanks to God!

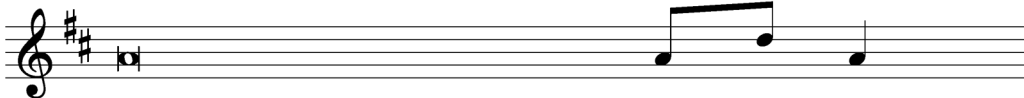
*O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*



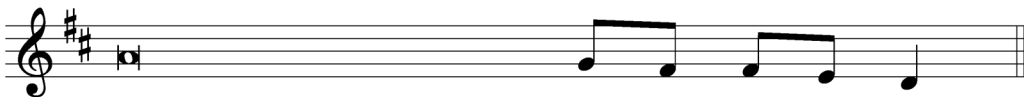
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great God  
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson — Acts 1:12-26**

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem — a Sabbath day's journey away. When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters — the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty — and said, "Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David foretold about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." Now this man acquired a field with his unrighteous wages. He fell headfirst, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that in their own language that field is called Hakeldama (that is, "Field of Blood"). "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

Let his dwelling become desolate;  
let no one live in it; and  
Let someone else take his position.

"Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole

time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us — beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us — from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

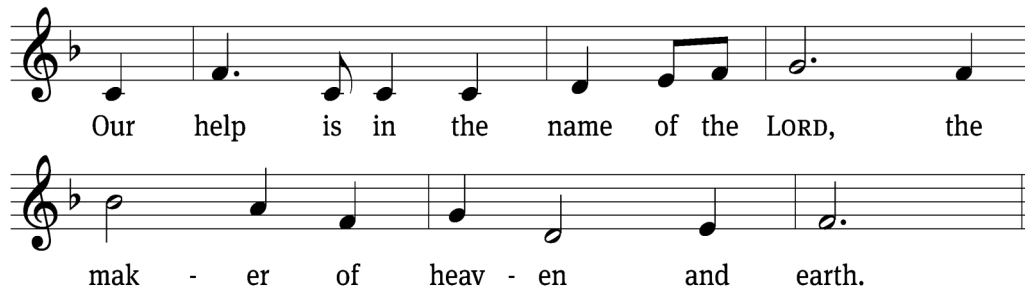
So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, know everyone’s hearts; show which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 124*

*Refrain*



Our help is in the name of the LORD, the  
mak - er of heav - en and earth.

*Tone*



**If the LORD had not been / on our side  
when people at- / tacked us,  
they would have swallowed / us alive  
when their anger flared a- / gainst us;  
the flood would have en- / gulfed us,  
the torrent would have swept / over us,  
the raging / waters  
would have swept / us away. *Refrain***

**Praise be / to the LORD,  
who has not let us be torn / by their teeth.**

**We have escaped like a bird from the / fowler's snare;  
the snare has been broken, and we / have escaped.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.   *Refrain***

**Second Lesson—1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11**

Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you, as if something unusual were happening to you. Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed. If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler. But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. To him be dominion forever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel—John 17:1-11

Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ. I have glorified you on the earth by completing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory I had with you before the world existed.

“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from the world. They were yours, you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, because I have given them the words you gave me. They have received them and have known for certain that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me.

“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they are yours. Everything I have is yours, and everything you have is mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 806    *Your Days and Ways to God Surrender*



1 Your days and ways to God sur - ren - der, and let his  
2 Why do you wal - low in this wor - ry? Why tight - ly  
3 Wait for his hand to write your sto - ry, his gra - cious  
4 Then wake with joy and ex - pec - ta - tion, for God is



wis - dom be your light. He stands be - side you, strong but  
clutch this pain and fear? Do you for - get that on this  
will, your des - ti - ny. What looks like gloom he turns to  
good and heav'n is sure. Sing, pray, and work in your vo -



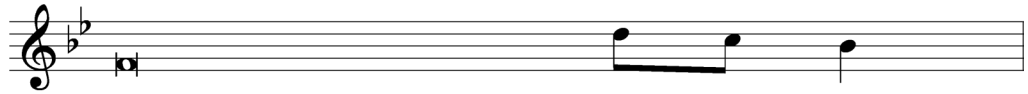
ten - der, and guides your steps thro' storm and night. Up - on a  
 jour - ney you're not a - lone? Your God is near! The man - y  
 glo - ry; what's hid - den now he will re - veal. Who holds your  
 ca - tion, and sleep in peace, your heart se - cure. Sur - ren - der



rock you build your life when you re - ly on Je - sus Christ.  
 mid-night tears you spill just make the dark-ness dark - er still.  
 fu - ture and your past knows what you need be - fore you ask.  
 all to his good grace; he keeps you safe in his em-brace.

Sermon—1 Peter 5:6-11  
*Divine help for our troubled lives*

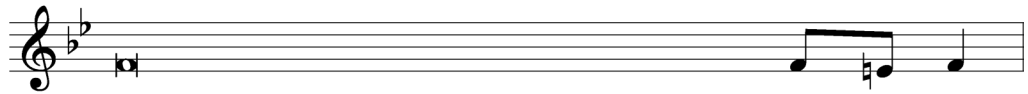
*We Praise You, O God*



1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,  
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.  
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



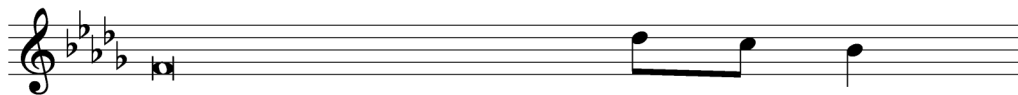
1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.  
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



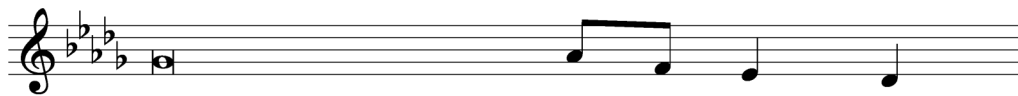
1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:  
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.  
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



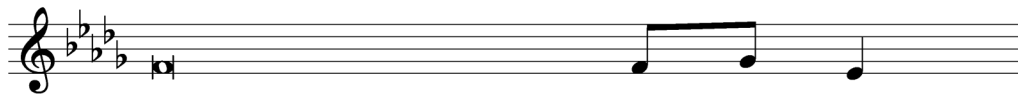
4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



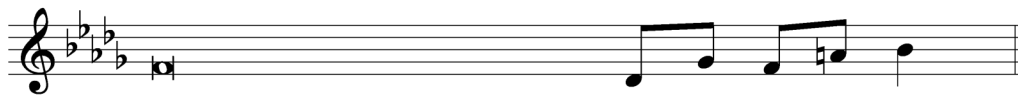
5 When you became man to set us free,  
6 You sit at the right hand of God



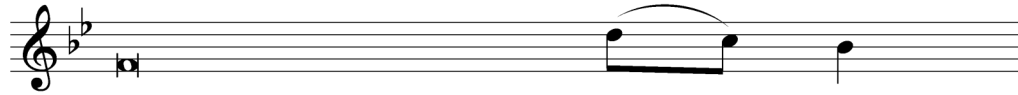
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death  
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## OFFERING

*We give with deep gratitude and joy over our Savior's victory for us. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work*

of telling the resurrection message through our church and school.

You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.

The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please stand.*



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, great champion of our salvation, we praise you for ascending to heaven after your stunning victory over sin, Satan, and the grave. We praise you for completing your Father's rescue plan and for receiving from him all authority in heaven and on earth. Assure us each day that because you live and reign, our sins are forgiven, life is worth living, and death holds no terrors.

Lord Jesus, living head of the Church, we praise you for gathering us around your good news to be joined to you and united with one another. We praise you for the many dedicated servants of the Word who proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to people from all nations, also to us. Equip us to be instruments of your peace in our time and place. Open our mouths to speak your good news, and change our lives so that we reflect the beauty of the teachings of God our Savior in everything we do.

Lord Jesus, mighty judge of the universe, we praise you for your promise that you will return to our world, not as a humble servant but in full majesty, to take us to live with you. We praise you for the certainty of your promises and the justice of your judgment. Prepare us for the day when you will come again; give us hearts that trust you more fully, hands eager to serve, ears opened to the music of your gospel, and lips to speak the truth in love. Keep us devoted to

our common tasks in this life, yet keep our minds on things above, where our life is hidden with you, so that when you appear, we too will appear with you in glory.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*Silent prayer*

Lord Jesus, hear us, for you have ascended to intercede before the Father for us.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 924 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister: Retired Pastor Bruce Schwark

Accompanist: Eva Brauer

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### Sunday Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m. Adults will be studying: *Hard Sayings of Jesus, Does Jesus contradict himself?*

### Bible information class

There will be no Bible information class this Tuesday, May 19. Bible information class will resume on May 26.

## **Organ tuning help needed**

The organ is scheduled to be tuned on Friday, May 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tim, our organ repair person, needs someone to sit at the console and press keys. It would be helpful to divide up the time between three or four people. Please contact Dave Kriewall if you are able to help:

*davekriewall@gmail.com* or (206) 819-6366.

## **2026 Graduates**

We would like to acknowledge and publish the 2026 graduates and school names in an upcoming bulletin for any 8th-grade, high school, college, tech school, or military graduation. Please email the office at *secretary@htls-wa.net*.

## **Youth rally**

This upcoming summer our youth (teens entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school) have an amazing opportunity to connect with other WELS youth from around the country. The WELS International Youth Rally is being held in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14-17.

If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend! You can donate towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. Please see the bulletin board for more information and to sign-up (deadline is May 29).

## **Now hiring preschool teacher assistant**

Holy Trinity Early Learning Center is now hiring an afternoon preschool teacher assistant/ aftercare supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking for a dependable, motivated individual who is excited to share their love of Jesus with our students. Please see the weekly email for the job description and instructions on how to apply, or see Sherri Lueck for further details.

## **Now hiring school office administrator**

The school is hiring a new office administrator. The position is two days per week while school is in session with limited hours when school is not in session. You can view the position description in the weekly email. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Principal Gibson at *jgibson@htls-wa.net*.

**This week at Holy Trinity**

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study